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BLM PROPOSES RECLAMATION PLAN FOR ERMONT MINE AREA

DILLON (February 1, 2005) – The Dillon Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, will host an open house public meeting on February 22 to share information and receive public comment on the proposed reclamation of the abandoned Ermont Mine and Mill Site.

The meeting is scheduled from 6-8 pm at the Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive in Dillon. The Ermont Mine and Mill Site are located approximately 14 miles northwest of Dillon on BLM land in Beaverhead County.

"This meeting will initiate a 30 day comment period regarding the proposed reclamation alternatives outlined in the Expanded Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EEE/CA)," commented Mike Browne, abandoned mine land project leader. "BLM anticipates completing the Ermont Mine reclamation in one construction season starting this year."

Interested individuals may review a copy of the EEE/CA at one of the following locations: Beaverhead County Commissioners office, Dillon Public Library, and BLM offices in Dillon or Butte. For more information on the project contact Mike Browne at the BLM in Butte, 533-7600 or Tim Bozorth at the BLM in Dillon, 683-2337.